

## Highlights of First Baptist Church Board Meeting May 31, 2008

Present: Bryan Black, Charles Davis , Craig Hunter, Richard March, Rod Maurer, Rob McGinnis , Dave Reed, Jef Riley, Matt Solverson, Tim Swigart and Pastor Nate Whiteside and Russ Paul as Youth Pastor

Absent: Brent Erickson and Dee Krumwiede

Pastor Nate made requests for any prayers. He then led us in a prayer to ask God to assist us in all ways and make His church grow and be fruitful. Nate then led us into 1 Timothy 3 which speaks about elders and deacons. In verse 8 of this chapter we are advised specifically how to become eligible to be a deacon, how to live and how to serve. We are to be worthy of respect and dignity, not asking for respect but earning it by their actions.

We are to be respectful of others as well and sincere. We are not to be addicted to drinking much wine or pursuing dishonest gain. We are to hold the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience-we are to know the fundamentals of the faith. In the Old Testament it would have been the job of the watchman to alert the people. If they chose not to obey the resulting consequences would have been on their own heads. If the watchmen failed in his duties then he would be held responsible.

In verse 11 the object of the teaching changes to a wife's role in her husband's service as deacon. A wife must worthy of respect, not be a malicious talker, but temperate and trustworthy in everything. We discussed whether there is a deaconess role or if the role relates the wife of a deacon. In Judges Deborah became the leader when Barack refused to lead. In verse 12 the focus is put back on the deacon role and how he manages his family. Verse 13 gave a summary of the role. Some comments were made that this role is not here for us to work out our salvation but to give us the chance to serve having made that choice.

Nate asked us to finish reading the red cover book we received in January at the Board training session; The Five Dysfunctions of a Team for discussion the next time we meet.

We moved into discussion of Old Business. Charles Davis reported that he had contacted First National Bank of Darlington, speaking with John Knellwolf about the current loan rate. Charles asked John for a reduction loan rate from FNB. John took the matter before their board and they have agreed to this request, retroactive to May 21<sup>st</sup> of 2008. This will be a four-year renewable loan.

The next topic was the youth van, which has been brought up at past meetings. We had been reviewing the insurance aspect of ownership of this van. Dave Reed said that he had spoken with Shelly Black about this. Shelly had advised that Russ be listed on the title as the owner of the van and that First Baptist Church of Darlington would reimburse him for any expenses related to church activities. Russ would then be free to use the van as he pleased.

Charles suggested that FBC pay the liability insurance for the van. Charles suggested that Russ keep a log of his mileage of personal and church use so he can for gasoline reimbursement. Craig Hunter asked what the actual dollar cost would be for this and requested we review this at the next meeting before final approval. We will hold off on final approval until next meeting to learn what the insurance cost is. We will also determine what the amount of maintenance cap should be. Some discussion came up about using reasonable amount of money per year. Another comment was made to use \$500.00 per year as reasonable.

We discussed the report submitted by Financial Officer, Shelly Black. We are ahead of the budget for this month, giving has exceeded spending for the first time this year. Discussion followed about what we are doing in financial support of church plants. We have previously discontinued the Gene Reynolds church plant but we are going to continue supporting the other two church plants. We used to support a church plant for three years. Pastor Nate had discussed with the GLBC whether any past church plant had been successful after three years of support. Charles Davis commented that we need to vote on how to continue with church planting funds. We have to wait until January business meeting to do this.

Under New Business we discussed the missing software package for Office XP Professional. The software package was an open license, which would allow us to install the software on five computers. The estimated cost of the software was \$150.00 since it was a special pricing offered to non-profit organizations. We do not know where the software is at this time and may need to make a new purchase if not found or replaced by the Microsoft rep.

Under the News section, Pastor Nate will start a new series on June 1<sup>st</sup>, "What We Believe". There will be a semi-annual meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 immediately following our service, which will be a shorter service. We expect to be finished by 12noon and will not be dismissing any non-members. Discussion followed about the past budget since Pastor Stu Dix left in 2006 and we had an interim Pastor, Ray Haas until Pastor Nate arrived last year in September. We have been using up the original surplus we had after Pastor Stu left and we were paying Pastor Ray a lesser amount since he was only part-time.

We are starting a new group of teachers this June 8<sup>th</sup> which will include Lorrie Reed, Karen Gill and Emily Whiteside, giving Gary Swigart a break since he has been teaching for a long time. Rod Maurer commented that he and Nichola have attended a Crown Ministry class for financial counseling. Brock Gill is looking to plug in to the financial class as well since he has a wealth of knowledge in financial areas.

We discussed the Canoe Fest coming June 15<sup>th</sup> for the water bottle handout. Pastor Nate had a conversation with Youth Pastor Russ Paul to determine how the community might view having our church name and service time on the bottles. We have decided not to put the advertisement for the church service labels on the water bottles at this time. It might be just a bit too much with the banners on the side of the trailer and the shirts.

We considered how we might improve the speed of the handout of the water bottles since we have slowed the parade down the past two years. We will encourage using roller coaster wagons in addition to the large plastic square containers and plastic bags for handout of the bottles.

Pastor Nate said Ed Santiago wants to setup a few basketball teams to play in this gym. This would be considered as part of a ministry teaching group opportunity. This would be a sign-up for participation.

Rachel Olson is going to volunteer her time this summer for office work. She is familiar with clerical work and has already started assisting. One activity Nate has assigned will be to replace the temporary sign that has been taped to the front door glass with a more professional welcome message and picture.

We discussed a question about our providing the church for people who want to hold a funeral here. Some people were surprised that we didn't also supply servers for the food. We discussed this and felt that this was something that we didn't want to take away from the friends and members of the congregation that the person who passed away belonged to. This should be something that the visiting church should really be supplying as we are supplying the building for minimal charges related to the sound system or janitorial cleanup.

Respectfully,

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